

# **Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**

## **Section 201201**

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**INTRODUCTION:** Welcome to the online Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis course. We hope that you enjoy this course. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will try to answer you as soon as possible; however, email and phone messages are not checked over the weekends. You can use the in-course email or contact me at the email address listed above.

**COURSE INFORMATION:** The Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis course has an average time of completion at 15 hours. This is a sufficient amount of time to complete the course, but if you need additional time you have until **June 30, 2012**. All extensions must be requested by the close of the semester.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Contrary to popular belief, examining the bloodstains present after a violent crime is not a new procedure for the forensic science community. Over a hundred years ago, blood was considered to be an important tool in determining the circumstances surrounding a crime. The function of bloodstain pattern analysis is to determine the facts about an incident that is in question. Since the examination of blood spatter is involved, such incidents are almost always violent. This course provides the introductory lessons which enable forensic personnel to collect and ultimately analyze bloodstains.

**ASSESSMENTS/ACTIVITIES:** This course has the following assessments: Pretest, Quizzes 1-9, Activity, Course Evaluation, and Post Test. The assessments follow a release schedule based on what you have previously completed. You must take the Pretest before any of the Quizzes become available. You must finish all Quizzes before the Course Evaluation will become available. All of the previously mentioned assessments must be completed before the Post Test is available. Once all requirements are met your certificate of completion will be requested and sent through the Extended Learning department. Feel free to browse the Getting Started Icon on the main page of the course for further information.

**DISCUSSION POSTS:** Please take a moment to introduce yourself. Let us and your fellow class members know more about what you do. You can click on the Discussion Area on the Course Tools. Also, if you feel that a topic yields to a discussion, please feel free to use the Discussion Area.

**GRADES:** You must have a grade of 80% or better in all assessments (quizzes and Post Test) in order to pass the course. Once all assessments (pre-test, quizzes, post test), discussion posts, assignments/activities, and course evaluation are complete you will receive a certificate of completion in the mail.

**POLICIES:** We monitor each student's progress once registered and if the course is not accessed (nor completed) within the semester then the **\$30 no-access/no-completion fee** will be charged to you. If penalty fees are unpaid, students may be ineligible to register for future FSI courses (online and onsite).

**COURSE WORK CHECKLIST:** The list below includes everything that will need to be completed in order to receive your certificate of completion.

✓	Assessment
	Pre-Test
	Quiz 1
	Quiz 2
	Quiz 3
	Quiz 4
	Quiz 5
	Quiz 6
	Quiz 7
	Quiz 8
	Quiz 9
	Ellipse Activity
	Course Evaluation
	Post Test

(An 80% or higher is needed for all assessments)

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